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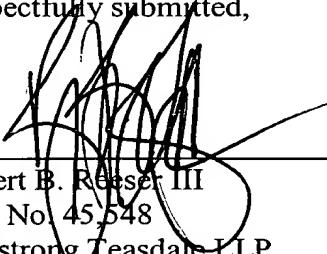
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, and made final, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel Claims 20-25.

1. (once amended) A method for operating a system having a plurality of modes and interlocks between the modes, said method comprising:

operating the system in a first mode, the first mode comprising a predetermined configuration of valves, dampers, motors, and pumps; and

switching the system to a second mode without going to a standby mode, the second mode comprising a predetermined configuration of valves, dampers, motors, and pumps different than the first mode.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIMS:

26. A method for operating a nuclear power plant system having a plurality of modes and interlocks between the modes, said method comprising:

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